

Long Term Mission Builders



AGNES WOLFE

The first time Agnes Wolfe heard about *Gleanings for the Hungry* was in the mid-1980's while she was in Mexico. She happily received some fruit from *Gleanings*, that was later given to migrant workers. Later, in 1987, she did a DTS (Discipleship Training School) in Oregon and came to *Gleanings* to do her outreach. After spending a couple of months here, she and her husband, Nathanael, moved to India and began ministry there. *Gleanings* helped support them for ten years while they were over seas. Afterwards, Agnes and Nathanael came to the base twice a year to cook. Agnes has been a cook at *Gleanings* since her first visit here. Whenever she comes for extended visits, she goes straight to the kitchen and helps prepare the scrumious meals that we enjoy eating. "I like to cook, but just not dessert. I'm not a sweets person." she said one afternoon and sure enough she only makes tasty savory dishes. When asked why she continues to come back to

Gleanings for the Hungry so often, she replied, "I love what this place does." She continued on to explain how *Gleanings* is a very supportive ministry and helps those in need. Her heart is to be a part of such a ministry that extends a helping hand. One of Agnes' favorite memories here, was the day the base was dedicated in 1989. Loren Cunningham, Founder of *Youth With A Mission*, attended the event and led the base out in prayer and a word of encouragement. A young lady that Agnes became friends with, painted a picture of an iconic vision God gave to Loren. Agnes smiled at remembering how sweet that day was and how everyone participated in making the day special. Her friend painted an inspiring picture, the founder of *YWAM* spoke, a local churchwoman organized the food for the event, and everyone else assembled chairs for guests. It was a day that she wouldn't soon forget. While not at *Gleanings*, Agnes cooks at a mission camp in her home country, Canada. She also spends her days babysitting and playing with her great-grandchildren. She loves to work in her garden and is said to make delicious preserves. She is very thankful for Nathanael's support. She shared that without him and his continual and ongoing encouragement, she couldn't have been able to do all that she has done. Nathanael has been her friend, husband, and partner in Christ. We love you both!

MARG TIMMER

Marg Timmer has been coming to *Gleanings for the Hunry* since 2008 with her husband Ron. They are from Saskatchewan, Canada and normally stay a month or two each time they visit. Marg heard of *Gleanings* from a friend who had come and served here. Some of the reasons that pull Marg back to *Gleanings* is the desire to serve God, feed the hungry, and visit the friends that she made her previous visits. Marg loves the fact that she gets to work and have someone else cook for her, which is a blessing for many who come to visit. She also likes sharing stories with other Christian friends here. A lesson God has been showing her this most recent visit is the importance of resting. She has come to realize that the work gets done regardless of which job you pick, "so don't stress." as she tactfully put it. "Lots of hands and cooperation makes work easy." Her favorite job to do on base is working in the soup plant. Although for the first time, since coming to *Gleanings*, she has worked in the quilt room and finds the new experience quite enjoyable. When she is not at *Gleanings*, she works as a substitute teacher. "I love it" she said with a big smile. Even though she finds enjoyment working with all the teachers and children, she spends the year looking forward to her next visit at *Gleanings for the Hungry*.



"For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear is in me."

- Philippians 1:29-30

Honduras

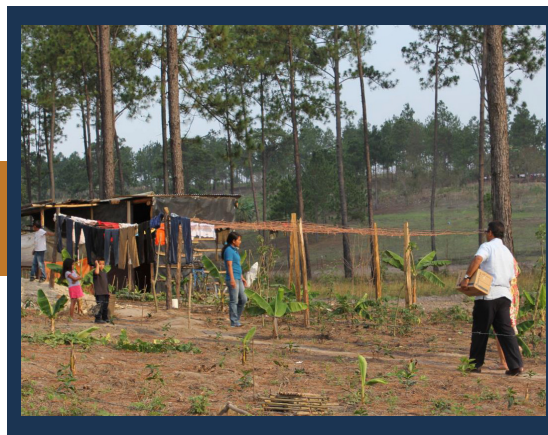
In 2013 **Children's Hunger Fund** launched a new **Mercy Network** in Honduras. Poor families in Honduras find themselves not only struggling to find work but to survive, as Honduras has the highest murder rate of any country in the world. Entire villages of families and children struggle to survive on the only homeland they've ever known. Lacking basic services like sewage and clean water, children grow up under extremely unhealthy conditions. **CHF's (Children's Hunger Fund) newest Mercy Network** delivers food and hope to the children living here.

We've partnered with Churches across the country to deliver the hope of the Gospel while at the same time meeting physical needs. Our food paks are fortified with dried fruit shared with us by our partners at **Gleanings for the Hungry**.

When our container arrived in 2013 pastors were eager to share with families who were broken. Here is a picture of the very first family served in Honduras by **Gleanings for the Hungry** and **Children's Hunger Fund**.

This family lives in a home that is comprised of wood planks and tarps. Their only income is derived from items taken from that dump that are either sold or recycled. With the food pak, the local church has the opportunity to not only meet some physical needs but build a relationship to share the gospel! All of our food paks in Honduras are assembled using the dried fruit given to us by **Gleanings for the Hungry**. Nearly 4,000 food paks have been delivered to our partners in country last year and each one has 2 1lb bags of fruit. As in other Latin American countries, it is received very well!

Thank you **Gleanings** for everything you do in partnering with us to help the hurting.



Director's Corner

Dear Friends,

Our DTS is on outreach in Colombia right now and I am sitting in an air conditioned mall in Cartagena to write these lines. I enjoy my coffee as a visit to the mall is few and far between ministry times. Our time in Colombia has been an amazing journey so far. I have never been in a place more open to the gospel. Yesterday we went from door to door in a neighbourhood and everyone welcomed us in to share the Gospel with them. Most people wanted to receive prayer at the end and about 50 people prayed to invite Jesus into their life. What a great experience for our team to see people open to Jesus every day. Jesus shares a parable in Luke 4 where the farmer sows the seed and it falls on different kinds of ground. Some of the seed gets picked up by birds, some of the plants have no roots, and some get choked out by other plants. But some falls in good ground and brings forth a great harvest. We have seen so much good ground where we have spread the seeds (God's word). I hope and pray that you will receive God's Word just like that, as the good ground, where it can grow and bring fruit 30, 60, and 100 fold.

May you walk in the blessings of the Lord every day as He is faithful to provide our every need in His abundance. Blessings to all our Gleanings' family and friends.

Fritz Meier